(d) if so, whether Govrnment have agreed to the proposals made by the State Government if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOP-MENT (SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY): (a) The Central allocation to the State of Maharashtra for-implementation to Million Wells Scheme under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana during 1991-92 is Rs. 3267-98 lakhs.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Million Wells Scheme (MWS) has the following specific characteristics:

(i) The *target group* of the scheme is SC/ST and freed bonded labourers only.

(ii) The *objective* of the MWS is to create assets which may create irrigation facilities or help in improving the productivity of land owned by the *target group.*

Proposals received from the Maharashtra Government were not approved as it would have compromised with either/both of the characteristics mentioned earlier and were thus outside the scope of the scheme.

Central scheme for Rural Housing

4029. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PRE-MJI KENIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to start a new Centrally sponsored scheme for Rural Housing from the year 1992-93 for construction/upgradation of houses for rural poor below the poverty line ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) :
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are given in the statement annxed.

Statement

Rural Housing Scheme

The Government have decided to launch a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Rural Housing from the year 1992-93 for the people below poverty line in rural areas for providing starter houses with a covered area of 20 sq. mts. The unit cost of construction for a new house has been kept at Rs. 10,000 and for upgradation of existing houses at Rs. 4,000 per unit for 1992-93 with provisions for escalations for later years.

2. 50 % of the resources would be obtained as institutional finance. The balance 50% arelrequired to be met by the Central Government, State Governments and beneficiaries in the ratio of 20 : 20 : 10. The financial requirement during the 8th Five Year Plan would be as under :—

Sl. No.	Year	Construction of new houses			Upgradation			Total amount	Central share
		No. of Unit (lakhs)	Unit cost (Rs.)	Amount (Crores Rs.)	No. of Unit (Lakhs)	Unit cost (Rs.)	Amount (Crcres Rs.)	(crcres Rs.)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	1992-93	5	10000	500	5	4000	200	700	140
2	1993-94	10	11300	1130	10	4500	450	1580	316
3	1994-95	15	12800	1920	15	5100	765	2685	537
4	1995-96	20	14500	2900	20	5800	1160	4060	812
5	1996-97	25	16400	41100	25	6600	1650	5750	1150
	TOTAL	75		10550	75		4225	14775	2955

3. During 1992-93 only Rs. 10.00 crores have been provided so far.

4. In order to protect the interest of disadvantaged groups, adequate safeguards would be provided for Scheduled Ca;tes, Scheduled Tribes, etc.

Water Problem of Rajasthan

4030. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that as many as 4280 villages in Rajasthan are facing the problem of excessive fluoride and the quality of under-ground water in many districts has deteriorated;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Government had sent a Project Report with an estimated cost of Rs. 688.21 crores which was also proposed to be posted to World Bank; and

(c) if so what action has been taken till date in this regard and if not in what manner Government propose to solve this water problem of Rajasthan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The revised Project proposal covering 1597 villages with excessive fluoride in drinking water, 1000 villages with high salinity problem and 2000 villages with inadequate service level estimated to cost Rs. 400 crores has been forwarded to the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) for seeking World Bank assistance.

Outcome of the South Asia Craft Meeting

4031. SHRI PRABHAKAR B. KORE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent South Asia Craft meeting organised in Delhi by South-South Solidarity and Dastakar representing Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the meeting ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir. Government are aware of the South Asia Craft Meeting held in Delhi.

(b) The Government have not received any recommendations in this regard.

मध्य प्रदेश में सड़कों के निर्माण में आ रही बाधाएं

4032. श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग :
श्री सुरेन्द्र सिंह ठाकुर :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में वन क्षेत्रों से गुजरने वाली नई सड़कों के लिए वन विभाग द्वारा उस भूमि का हस्तांतरण न किए जाने से निर्माण कार्य में बाधाएं आ रही हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कि ऐसी सड़कों के निर्माण में तेजी लाई जाए क्या कदम उठाए जाने का विचार है ?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री उत्तम भाई एच0 पटेल) : (क) और (ख) ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय ने मध्य प्रदेश राज्य सरकार को राज्य के दस्युग्रस्त क्षेत्रों से गुजरने वाली अनुमोदित सड़कों के निर्माण के लिए निधियां स्वीकृत की हैं । अनुमोदित सड़कों का वास्तविक निर्माण कार्य राज्य सरकार द्वारा किया जाता है । पर्यावरण तथा वन मंत्रालय वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980 के अंतर्गत वन भूमि के अपवर्तन का अनुमोदन देने हेतु संबंधित मंत्रालय है । दस्युग्रस्त क्षेत्रों में सड़कों के निर्माण के प्रयोजन हेतु वन भूमि का अपवर्तन करने के लिए भारत सरकार के पास मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980 के अंतर्गत प्राप्त कोई प्रस्ताव लम्बित नहीं है ।

विभिन्न क्षेत्रों का निजीकरण

4033. मौलाना अबेदुल्ला खान आजमी : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उनका मंत्रालय अपने विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में निजीकरण करने के किसी प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर रहा है ; और